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1. FOLLOWING IS BIO INFO ON MAJ. GEN OSMAN, ABDULLAHI MOHAMAD AND COL TAYEB ISMAIL OBTAINED DURING INTERVIEW AT EMBASSY JUNE 16: FYI: SOME DETAILS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE PROVIDED IN REF B. END FYI.

2. MAJ. GEN ABDULLAHI MOHAMAD OSMAN IS BASED AT EL OBEID WHERE HE COMMANDS THE WESTERN COMMAND (WHICH INCLUDES CENTRAL COMMAND); UNDER RECENT REORGANIZATION

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THIS NOW BEING REFERRED TO AS FIFTH DIVISION. COMMAND ESSENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFENSE OF KORDOFAM/DARFUR AREAS. HE WAS BORN IN EL KAWA, WHITE NILE PROVINCE 1933. HE IS MUSLIM AND ABSTAINS FROM PORK/HAM AND ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES. HE IS MARRIED TO AZIZA HAMAD WHO WAS BORN IN 1940 IN OMDURMAN; THEY HAVE SEVEN CHILDREN, THREE GIRLS AND FOUR BOYS.

HE SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL.

3. GEN. OSMAN GRADUATED FROM MILITARY ACADEMY HERE IN 1953. HE HAS SPENT BULK OF HIS CAREER IN INFANTRY SERVING INITIALLY WITH 1ST AND 10TH BRIGADES. HE WAS AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE MILITARY COLLEGE IN LATE FIFTIES AND THEN SERVED AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN STAFF POSITION. IN 1966 HE ATTENDED CGSC AT FORT LEAVENWORTH. IN LATE SIXTIES/EARLY SEVENTIES HE WAS BASED IN EL OBEID BUT SAW ACTION IN SOUTHERN SUDAN DURING CIVIL WAR. HE RETURNED TO ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN 1971. GEN. OSMAN COMMANDED 10TH BRIGADE AT SUEZ CANAL 1972/73. HE BECAME MAJ GEN IN 1975 AND WAS GIVEN HIS PRESENT COMMAND IN 1976. HE HAS ATTENDED COMPANY COMMANDER AND INTELLIGENCE COURSES IN UK.

4. COL ISMAIL TAYEB RECENTLY WAS NAMED COMMANDER OF UNIFIED TRAINING CENTER AT JEBEL AWLIA. AN INFANTRY OFFICER HE WAS PROMOTED TO COLONEL IN 1974. HE AND HIS WIFE, TAWADUT TAHIR ALI, WERE BORN RESPECTIVELY IN 1936 AND 1947 IN OMDURMAN. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN. HE IS MUSLIM AND ABSTAINS FROM PORK/HAM AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. HIS ENGLISH IS REASONABLY GOOD.

5. COL TAYEB GRADUATED FROM MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1959 AND HIS FIRST TWO ASSIGNMENTS WERE TO THE NORTHERN COMMAND TO 1963 AND THE WESTERN COMMAND TO 1967 AT WHICH POINT HE WAS NAMED AS INSTRUCTOR AT MILITARY COLLEGE. IN 1971 HE WAS ON ASSIGNMENT AT THE

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TRAINING BRANCH AT GENERAL HEADQUARTERS AFTER WHICH HE WAS BASED IN GEDAREF WITH THE 13TH BRIGADE. PRIOR TO HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT HE WAS CHIEF OF AN AIRBORNE BRIGADE. HE ATTENDED INFANTRY SCHOOL IN THE UK AND WAS DETAILED FOR SIX MONTHS TO SUEZ CANAL.

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